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C O N F I D E N T I A L LOURENCO MARQUES 0056

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SUBJECT: RUMORED PRESENCE OF CHINESE COMMUNISTS IN
MOZAMBIQUE

1. BRAZILIAN CONSUL GENERAL TOLD ME THAZ BRAZILIAN DOCTOR
RESPONSIBLE FOR CHOLERA CONTROL IN TETE-BEIRA DISTRICTS,
WHO TRAVELS WIDELY THROUGHOUT THE AREA, HAD HEARD THAT ONE
CHINESE DOCTOR AND NURSE WERE WORKING WITH FRELIMO IN TETE
DISTRICT. DOCTOR ALSO SAID HE HEARD AT LEAST ONE CHINESE
COMMUNIST IS PARTICIPATING IN FRELIMO OPERATIONS IN
GORONGOSA REGION.

2. COMMENT: SUCH RUMORS CONTINUE TO CROP UP. PORTUGUESE
MILITARY HAVE THUS FAR DENIED CHINESE COMMUNISTS ARE
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ACTIVELY ENGAGED WITH FRELIMO FORCES INSIDE MOZAMBIQUE,

ALTHOUGH HOLD OPEN THE POSSIBILITY THAT CHINESE OBSERVERS
MAY OCCASIONALLY ENTER MOZAMBIQUE TEMPORARILY. AS A NUMBER
OF ORDINARY CHINESE RESIDE IN VARIOUS PARTS OF MOZAMBIQUE,
MAINLY CITIES, PERHAPS SIGHTING OF THESE GIVES RISE TO
ABOVE RUMORS.
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